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DiMeo sues Web site owner

PR executive says message board comments are defamatory

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CENTER CITY — Anthony DiMeo III is headed back to court.

DiMeo, whose Renamity PR firm ran a New Years' Eve Party that ende chaos, is suing the owner of a Web site, TuckerMax.com, where DiMeo people went to libel him.

Max is an author and socialite from New York City who hosts a Web sit where he publishes stories and blogs about his life of partying.

One thread on the Tucker Max board about DiMeo's party continues for pages and has had nearly 49,000 page views since January.

"We're going to prove it has not only distressed him but it has caused hi harm," said DiMeo's attorney, Matthew B. Weisberg, "both emotional distress as well as commercial."

"Awesome," Max said by e-mail, calling the lawsuit the best news of th week. "Please give Ant-nee my address, so as to expedite delivery of a document I anticipate to be of the highest comedy."

Max was on vacation yesterday after wrapping up a 25-city book tour fo Hope They Sell Beer In Hell," which appeared on the New York Times' best-seller list for paperback non-fiction.

DiMeo is suing Max for more than $1 million.

Weisberg said the comments on Max's Web site aren't protected by the Amendment under a law passed by Congress last year that outlaws anonymously posting or e-mailing messages intending to annoy.

DiMeo previously filed a lawsuit against the owner of the restaurant it contracted with to run the New Years' Eve party and was then countersu by the restaurant. He is also in court with Philadelphia Weekly and its former gossip columnist, Jessica Pressler, who made light of a holiday c e-mailed by DiMeo.

Exhibit "A"

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Max was taken to court before by a former girlfriend, two-time Miss Vermont Katy Johnson, who claimed he published stories about the pair sex life for his own personal gain.

The New Year's Eve party

- Anthony DiMeo III's Renamity PR firm threw a New Year's Eve part the Art Alliance on Rittenhouse Square.
- The open-bar bash, with approximately 700 guests who paid $100 eacl fizzled around 9:30 p.m. when the liquor and food ran out.
- DiMeo has blamed the owner of the restaurant at the Art Alliance, and versa.

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